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23 December 1947

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EVALUATION :

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2. The Bulgarian Government agrees to ship not later than 4 October 1947, 200,000 kilograms of tobacco and several hundred kilograms of rose essence from Burgos to Marseille. The merchandise is to be divided between the interested parties.

3. This agreement is considered ^{unusually} outstandingly advantageous for the shareholders and was negotiated by a former Bulgarian, ^{Kouymadjisky} now a U. S. citizen, Angel KOUYOUNDJISKY, who during the war served as a Colonel with the U.S.S. and He now has his residence in Paris.

4. KOUYOUNDJISKY was able to interest several high-ranking Bulgarian government officials in the deal and also arranged for a large sale of Bulgarian tobacco in the U. S.

FIELD COMMENT: This agreement may be of interest to the Treasury and State Departments since the property of many American oil and other corporations in Bulgaria was seized with no compensation thus far negotiated.

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Entre:

Le Gouvernement de la République Populaire de Bulgarie représenté par S.E. Mr. Stéphanoff, Ministre des Finances (appelé ci-après le Gouvernement), d'une part et la Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, Succursale de Genève, représentée par M. Roger Labat (appelée ci-après la B.P.P.B.), d'autre part, il a été exposé que:

Conformément au désir du Gouvernement exprimé par S.E. M. le Ministre des Finances au mois de septembre 1946, la B.P.P.B. a groupé un certain nombre d'actionnaires étrangers de la Banque Franco-Bulgare et des Fabriques de Tabacs Réunies qui lui ont donné le mandat de négocier avec le Gouvernement la cession à ce dernier de leurs participations dans ces deux sociétés.

En conséquence il a été convenu et décidé ce qui suit:

Article I.-

Le Gouvernement se porte acquéreur de 180.973 actions de la Banque Franco-Bulgare, coupon No. attaché et de 330,000 actions des Fabriques de Tabac Réunies, coupon No. attaché.

Article II.-

Le Gouvernement en contrepartie remettra à la B.P.P.B. dans le délai le plus rapproché, et au plus tard le 4 octobre 1947, 200,000 kilogrammes de tabac de classification commerciale une à six et 265 kilogrammes d'essence de roses.

Article III.-

Le tabac fourni sera des provenances et pour les quantités suivantes:

Névrokof	100,000 kgs
Plovdiv-Yaca	50,000 "
Kavakly	30,000 "
Doupnitza ou Djounaya	20,000 "

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Il devra être expertisé et réceptionné par la maison Takvorian & Cie. qui choisira pour chaque qualité la quantité à fournir; il sera délivré F.O.B. port bulgare, au nom de la B.P.P.B.

Article IV.-

L'essence de roses sera expertisée par la maison Shipkoff Doucheff ou autre désignée par la B.P.P.B. Elle sera mise ensuite en estagnons en présence de l'expert qui devra apposer sa signature sur les estagnons. Les factures de la Banque Agricole de Bulgarie devront être signées par l'expert et être légalisées par la Légation de France à Sofia. Des factures consulaires américaines devront accompagner la marchandise qui sera adressée au nom de la B.P.P.B. à l'Irving Trust Company, one Wall Street, New York. Elle sera livrable à Paris en transit.

Article V.-

Le Gouvernement exonère de l'impôt sur le patrimoine les anciens actionnaires sur les titres cédés.

Article VI.-

Le Gouvernement exonère également de l'impôt sur le patrimoine les dividendes de l'exercice 1946 revenant aux ... actions Fabriques de Tabac Réunies appartenant à, et aux actions de la même Société appartenant à ...

Le Gouvernement confirmera par lettre, à chacun des intéressés qu'il leur accorde les exonérations prévues aux articles V.- et VI.-

Article VII.-

La B.P.P.B. fera délivrer les titres ci-dessus au Gouvernement aussitôt que la totalité des marchandises aura été expédiée. Ceux de ces titres qui se trouvent matériellement en Bulgarie seront remis au Gouvernement à Sofia. Ceux qui se trouvent à l'Etranger seront remis pour compte du Gouvernement aux Légations de Bulgarie dans les différents pays intéressés. Si pour une raison quelconque, certains de ces titres n'étaient pas délivrés dans le délai de 3 mois après la date d'expédition des marchandises, le Gouvernement aurait le droit de faire annuler les dits titres et de s'en faire délivrer des duplicata par les Sociétés.

Article VIII.-

Dès la signature du présent contrat les liquidateurs

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étrangers de la Banque Franco-Bulgare, Messieurs André Debray, Anghel Kouyoumdjisky et Roger Labat donneront leur démission. De même, les administrateurs étrangers des Fabriques de Tabacs Réunies, Messieurs Jacques Beauvois, Richard Cronan, André Debray, Anghel Kouyoumdjisky et Roger Labat, donneront leur démission d'Administrateur.

Le Gouvernement s'engage à faire donner pleine décharge à ces liquidateurs et administrateurs de leur gestion par les plus prochaines assemblées générales des actionnaires de ces deux Sociétés.

Article IX.-

Le présent contrat sera exempt de toutes taxes et impôts bulgares.

Article X.-

Le présent contrat est établi en deux exemplaires originaux identiques, chacun d'eux devant être en langue bulgare et français; un exemplaire sera conservé par chaque partie. En cas de doute sur l'interprétation du présent contrat, on se référera au texte français.

~~En foi de quoi, les parties aux présentes ont~~
appliqué leur signature et leur sceau à Sofia, le

. Le Ministre des Finances
de la République Populaire de Bulgarie

Banque de Paris et des
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Plan of Contract

Between:

The Government of the Popular Republic of Bulgaria represented by S. E. Stephanoff, Minister of Finance (^{hereinafter called} ~~called from now on~~ the Government) on ^{the} one part and the Bank of Paris and of the Low Countries, branch of Geneva, represented by Monsieur Roger Labat (~~called from now on~~ B.P. P. B) on the other part, made the ^[following] statement that:

In conforming with the desire of the Government as expressed by S.E. Stephanoff, the Minister of Finances as of September 1946, the B.P.P.B. had collected a certain number of foreign stocks from the Franco-Bulgarian Bank and from the Reunies Tobacco Factories who gave him a mandate to negotiate with the Government the transfer of their stock in these two countries.

In consequence the Government has agreed and decided on the following:

Article I - The Government to be the purchaser of 180,973 shares of the Franco-Bulgarian Bank, coupon No..... attached and 330,000 shares of the Reunies Tobacco Factories... Coupon No. attached.

Article II - The Government in ^{turn} ~~counterpart~~ will give to the B.P.P. B. in the shortest time, and at the latest on ~~the~~ 4th of October 1947, 200,000 kilograms of tobacco of the commercial classification of one to six and 265 kilograms of attar of roses.

Article III - The tobacco ~~supplied~~ will be from the following places of export:

Nevroko ^y	100,000 kgs.
Plovdiv-Yaca	50,000 kgs.
Kavakly	30,000 kgs.
D ^z upnitsa and D ^z umaya	20,000 kgs.

The tobacco must be appraised, ~~and~~ checked and signed ^{for} by the Takvorian and Cie House who will select the quality and quantity to be supplied; it will be delivered ~~F.O.B.~~ Bulgarian port, in the name of B.P.P.B.

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Article IV - The attar of roses will be appraised by the Shipkov[✓] Doucheff[✓] House or as designated by the B.P.P.B. It will be finally put in containers in the presence of the appraiser who must place his signature on the containers. The invoices of the Agriculture Bank of Bulgaria must be signed by the appraiser and be legalized by the French Legation in Sofia. The American consular invoices must accompany the merchandise which will be addressed to the name of B.P.P.B at the Irving Trust Company, 1 Wall Street, New York. It will be delivered to Paris in transit.

Article V. - The Government will exempt from inheritance tax the former stockholders who surrendered their stocks.

Article VI - The Government will exclude ^{also} ~~as well as~~ any inheritance tax on the dividends of the fiscal year 1946 returning to..... the Reunies Tobacco Factories stocks belonging to....., and those..... shares of the same company belonging to....

The Government will confirm by letter, to each of those concerned what tax exemptions will be accorded to them as foreseen in Articles V and VI.

Article VII - The B.P.P.B. will deliver the shares of stock as mentioned above to the Government as soon as all the merchandise has been expedited. Those stocks which are found in Bulgaria will be sent to the Government in Sofia. Those stocks which are found abroad will be credited to the Government at the Legation of Bulgaria in the different concerned countries. If for some reason, certain of these stocks have not been delivered in a period of three months after the date of the delivery of the goods, the Government will have the right to annul the said stocks and the companies concerned will have to send a duplicate of the stocks.

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Article VIII - With the signature of the present contract the foreign

liquidators of the Franco-Bulgarian Bank, Messieurs Andre Debray, Angel Kouyoumdjisky and Roger Labat will give in their signatures as administrators.

The Government will give a complete report of the administration of these ^{or}liquidations and administrators at the very next stockholders meeting of these two companies.

Article IX - The present contract will be exempt from all taxes and Bulgarian duties.

Article X - The present contract is drawn up in two identical original copies, each ~~made~~ in the Bulgarian and French languages; one copy will be kept by each party. In case of doubt ⁱⁿ regard ~~to~~ the interpretation of the present contract, the French text will be ~~referred~~ referred to.

In testimony thereof
~~To testify which~~ of the present parties have applied their signature and seal at Sofia,

Bank of Paris and of the Low Countries

The Minister of Finance
 of the Popular Republic of Bulgaria.

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SOURCE Documentary

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1. The Bulgarian Government was to ship 200,000 kilograms of tobacco and several hundred kilograms of essence of roses from Burgas to Marseille by October 1947. This agreement which was unusually advantageous for the shareholders, was negotiated by Angel Kuyumdjisky.
2. Kuyumdjisky was able to interest several high ranking Bulgarian government officials in the deal. He also arranged for the sale of a large quantity of tobacco to a firm in the United States.
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